

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1806

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
State Government

**Title:** An act relating to correcting references to elections statutes.

**Brief Description:** Correcting references to elections statutes.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Van Werven, Bergquist, Holy, Appleton, Gregory and S. Hunt.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

State Government: 2/4/15, 2/5/15 [DPS].

<p><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrects cross-references and repealed policies relating to elections.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives S. Hunt, Chair; Bergquist, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Gregory and Hawkins.

**Staff:** Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

**Background:**

In 2003 election law in Title 29 RCW was reorganized and recodified into Title 29A RCW. However, cross-references to Title 29 RCW in other statutes were not corrected. In the ensuing years, changes to the laws such as adoption of two different primary systems and vote by mail, have resulted in many erroneous references to election laws.

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**Summary of Substitute Bill:**

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Technical changes are made to correct cross-references to election laws and repealed policies.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:**

The substitute corrects a cross-reference missed in the original bill.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This is a simple, clean-up bill that updates the codes and citations and removes a couple of references to poll-site voting which we no longer have in our state.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Van Werven, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.